President’s Message

Happy new year to all of you. I hope your winter months are going well and each of you are gearing up for a fabulous 2015 riding season. I am feeling the beginning stirrings of spring fever with warmer days and the snow melting. It is time to start thinking about the ride schedule and getting our calendars filled out.

The New Mexico riders are putting together a wonderful conference for us in Taos. I hope all of you are planning to attend. Please get your registrations sent to Chuck Smith very soon and take advantage of early bird registration. All members are welcome to attend the board meeting Friday evening before our conference begins on Saturday morning. Year-end awards are always great fun and we need to thank Juleen Feazell for all her hard work and preparation for the awards. Also a huge thank you to Beth Sims for her years of service as our points recorder. Beth is retiring from this position, and Dianna Thearin has graciously agree to be our new points chair. Thank you, Dianna.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the region for supporting me as your president for the last few years. It is time to elect a new slate of officers. Please be open to serving on the board or on a committee if you are asked. Our region cannot grow without the involvement of the members. A huge thank you to all the board members and committee chairs. We just could not do it without you.

Now, get busy and send in your convention registration. We can't wait to see you all there.

Sharon Roper-Dashner
Region 3 President

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Region 3 President
1. How few there are who have courage enough to own their faults, or resolution enough to mend them. ~ Benjamin Franklin

Not that I can compare to Benjamin Franklin but as I start on the January-February 2015 Stirrup, I am struck with how poorly I published the newsletter in 2014 and certainly willing to own that. I will do my best to provide more timely publications this year.

I also know that there are lots of talented people in Region 3 and I am happy to have anyone take over and run with this.

Happy New Year!

~ John
Regional Convention News
Spring 2015
Submitted by Jerry and Beth Sims

Mark your calendars now!! Keep the 27th and 28th of March 2015, open for the Region III Convention in beautiful Taos, New Mexico! The recently remodeled Sagebrush Inn (http://www.sagebrushinn.com/) will be our destination for food, fun, and seeing your NATRC friends again!

Arrive early Friday afternoon and take part in a walking tour of historic Taos before you check in for the convention. Our Board of Directors meeting will take place in the evening and the Hospitality Room will be open for your enjoyment.

Saturday morning activities will include a General Meeting, Judges Forum, and a Ride Managers Meeting. Our delicious lunch will be followed by the Worker and Managers/Secretaries recognition awards. The afternoon activities will take place at an enclosed arena outside of Taos. Our main speaker is Dr. Bessie Babits, a local veterinarian and teacher of classical riding. Her presentation will include two Andulsian horses that will perform an advanced level of alta escuela (high school work). “This demonstration will showcase how the systematic classical riding and exercises can strengthen and allow liberation of expression of spirit, and freedom of movement in the horse.” She will also demonstrate exercises that we can do to help supple, balance and strengthen our horses for trail riding. If you would like more information on Dr. Babits, please visit her web site at www.medicinewheelequine.com. If time permits, we will also have a seminar on saddle fit. The Awards Banquet and the lively Auction for premier parking and your “special place in line for Check in and Check out” will complete the day’s activities.

The Silent Auction will be our region fund raiser and will take place through-out the day. Please be thinking about what you could donate. Syndi Scott will be in charge, please contact syndi_scott@yahoo.com or call 303 660-6008 with questions

The Hospitality Room will also be open during select times on Saturday.
Island in the Sky Results, August 2-3, 2014

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 38

Chair: Judy Mason

Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Susie Witter, Jill Talbot (Apprentice)

CP Combo: BHR Hosan China Moon/Heniser, Vicki

Novice Sweepstakes: Thunder/Lewis, Donna-99.5
Open Sweepstakes: Peanut/Baker, Matt-99.5

Open Heavyweight
1/2 Peanut/Baker, Matt
2/1 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken
3/3 Stars Colton Bay/Unckel, Kay
4/4 Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim
P Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri

Open Lightweight
1/2 Phantoms Masquerade/Lane, Roxann
2/6 CRR Boot Scootin/Roper-Dashner, Sharon
3/1 Hot Saki/Smith, Terri
4/3 Isis Khepri/Scott, Syndi
5/5 Regala de la Estrellas/Marquardt, Diana
6/ Ros Jabez/Dashner, Dave
/4 Turner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin
P GE Spartan/Jarrett, Cheryl

Novice Heavyweight
1/2 Thunder/Lewis, Donna
2/3 Lite Foot Slow Poke/Arnett, Leona
3/4 Solid Country Gold Skye/Conne, Linda
4/5 Tuff/Horne, John
5/ Big Mac's My My/Wylie, Karen
6/ Hottie/Gardner, Carrie
/6 Ford Mustang/Shoopman, Dan
/1 Lefty/Guthrie, Jan
P SS Kharady Khid/Richardson, Carla
P Smokin Cezanne/Chaffee, Diane

Novice Lightweight
1/2 RR Skye Robyn/Bowman, Christi
2/3 Taras Sham/Mitchell, Paula
3/4 Driftin' In Style/Fisher, Sheri
4/1 Dakota Cole/Olson, Calleen

Novice Junior
1/2 Pur Ty Rain Danc/Ware, Tori
2/1 Sahara Summer/Conley, Gillian

Competitive/Pleasure
1/2 BHR Hosan China Moon/Heniser, Vicki
2/1 Winnie/Thearin, Dianna
3/ Nightts Shaddo/Howell, Perran
4/3 Cedar Valley's Torden Fjell/Ferganchick, Brandy
5/6 Summer/Wolgram, Betty
6/5 Remington Steele/Halligan, Sherri
/4 Royal's Rock'N EZ Cinnabar/Garrett, Betty
SAS's Aussie/Walls, Sharyl
Miss Nijinsky II/Chamberlain, Alden
**Willow Springs Results, July 19-20, 2014**

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 44

**Chair:** Bill Wingle  
**Judges:** Carrie Porter DVM, Patsy Conner  
**CP Combo:** BHR Hosan China Moon/Heniser, Vicki

**Novice Sweepstakes:** Pur Ty Rain Danc/Ware, Tori-100  
**Open Sweepstakes:** Hot Saki/Smith, Terri-96.5

**Open Heavyweight**  
1/1 **Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken**  
2/4 **Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri**  
3/2 **Peanut/Baker, Matt**  
4/3 **Bookcliff Mountain Fire/Bingham, Kerry**  
5/5 **Precious Easy Aces/Bingham, Kenneth**

**Open Lightweight**  
1/3 **Hot Saki/Smith, Terri**  
2/1 **Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnekoff, Angie**  
3/2 **Phantoms Masquerade/Lane, Roxann**  
4/4 **Hank/Winter, Morgan**  
5/5 **Kourageus Skyy/Brooks, Wendy**  
6/6 **Regala de la Estrellas/Marquardt, Diana**  
P **GE Spartan/Jarrett, Cheryl**

**Open Junior**  
1/1 **Lincoln/Combs, Alexis**

**Novice Heavyweight**  
1/4 **Levi/Morgan, Dayna**  
2/5 **Ford Mustang/Shoopman, Dan**  
3/3 **Tuff/Horne, John**  
4/1 **Thunder/Lewis, Donna**  
5/2 **Big Mac's My My/Wylie, Karen**  
P **Dixie's Rowdy Rambler/Judson, David**  
P **Fannie/Bishop, Stephen**  
DQ/DO **Smokin Cezanne/Chaffee, Diane**

**Novice Lightweight**  
1/ **RR Skye Robyn/Bowman, Christi**  
2/4 **Savannah/Hofcamp, Sarah**  
3/ **Spotya Sum Cash/Araki, Nancie**  
4/1 **Selwood Park Barius/Chandler, Susan**  
5/6 **Authentic/Lagasse, Candice**  
6/3 **Mr San Puppy/Ehrich, Louise**  
/2 **August/Spikker, Ingrid**  
/5 **Cimarron de Puerta/Goscha, Cathy**  
**Badger/olson, Calleen**  
**Cappuccino's Smokey Gold/Ware, Debbie**  
P **Dexter/Vowel, Suzannah**  
P **Stockton Pass/Beyerle, Tammy**

**Novice Junior**  
1/1 **Pur Ty Rain Danc/Ware, Tori**  
2/2 **Dusty/Reinhardt, Maggie**  
3/3 **Versace's Fortune/Devino, Colleen**

**Competitive/Pleasure**  
1/ **SAS's Aussie/Walls, Sharyl**  
2/1 **BHR Hosan China Moon/Heniser, Vicki**  
3/6 **Summer/Wolgram, Betty**  
4/2 **Winnie/Thearin, Dianna**  
5/5 **Danner/Miller-Inman, Linell**  
6/3 **Stormy White Magic/Vasquez, Louise**  
/4 **Missie KVH/Taylor, Barbara**  
P **Indy/Dandy, Donna**
**Chokecherry Results, September 20-21, 2014**

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 22

Chair: Chuck Smith

Judges: Boyd Emond DVM, Patsy Conner
CP Combo: Cadence/Tucker, Nicole

Novice Sweepstakes: RR Skye Robyn/Chaffee, Diane-93
Open Sweepstakes: Hot Saki/Smith, Terri-100

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**Challenge - Sportsmanship - Education**

**February 20 - 22, 2015**

Holiday Inn Country Club Plaza
1 East 45th St., Kansas City, MO
"City of Fountains"

Two days of seminars, National Board of Directors meeting, shopping with vendors, entertainment, silent auction, awards banquet, raffle drawing, plus museums, fountains and other attractions nearby.

Join the excitement! Click HERE for more information, registration & reservations.

There is still time to obtain your national raffle tickets for chances to win a Trailside Pioneer Endurance Saddle!

Tickets $5 ea. or 5 for $20
Need not be present to win. Open to all.
Donated by Michelle Smith

Click HERE for raffle tickets.
Awards can be confusing and at times seem redundant. Listed in the Stirrup are the Region 3 and National Championship results. Included in each category is an abbreviated explanation of each award. Most of Region 3’s awards are accumulated points, for a complete breakdown of how points are accumulated go to NATRC web site (http://www.natrc.org/documents_ride.htm#Rules), Page 9-6 of the Rule Book and you will find the detailed breakdown of how points are distributed.

If you have any questions about awards, please contact the Awards Chair, Juleen Feazell via email gjfeazell@tds.net

Thank you our Awards Chair for this daunting task!!

Region 3 Year End Placings – High Point Horse Awards

All horses must enter at least 3 rides to be eligible for these awards. Points accumulated from all Region 3 rides in 2014 are added together to determine the placing.

Open Heavyweight
1. Awesomes Fire N Ice - Ken Wolgram
2. Peanut - Matt Baker
1. (tie) Dee Bar - Cheri Westmoreland
3. (tie) Gen’s Rockin Shadow - Jim Ward
4. Bookcliff Mountain Fire - Kenny & Kerry Bingham

Open Lightweight
1. (tie) Hot Saki - Terri Smith
1. (tie) Phantom’s Masquerade - Roxann Lane
2. Turner’s WIld Card - Lin Ward
3. Isis Khepri - Syndi Scott

Open Junior
1. Lincoln - Alexis Combs

Competitive Pleasure
1. Summer - Betty Wolgram
2. SAS’s Aussie - Sharyl Walls
3. Winnie - Dianna Thearin
4. Danner - Linell Miller-Inman
5. RR Skye Robyn - Diane Chaffee
6. Royal’s Rock’N EZ Cinnabar - Betty Garrett

Novice Heavyweight
1. Thunder - Donna Lewis
2. Solid Country Gold Skye - Linda Johnson-Conne
3. Levi - Dayna Morgan
4. Tuff - John Horne
5. (tie) Big Mac’s My My - Karen Wylie
6. (tie) Lite Foot Slow Poke - Leona Arnett
7. Ford Mustang - Dan Shoopman

Novice Lightweight
1. Dakota Cole - Calleen Olson
2. Authentic - Candice Lagasse

Novice Junior
1. Pur Ty Rain Danc - Tori Ware
Region 3 Year End Placings – Horsemanship Awards

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Horse and Rider Mileage Awards are given each year when certain levels of mileage are achieved. The Mileage Awards are for rides in Region 3 only. If you rode outside the region those miles accumulated will be reflected in the National Miles Database. If you are between awards increments you will not be listed as you will not be receiving a mileage award. If you have any questions about your horse and/or rider mileage, please contact Juleen Feazell, Awards Chair, gjfeazell@tds.net

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Open Heavyweight Team
1. Ken Wolgram - Awesomes Fire N Ice
2. Matt Baker - Peanut
3. Cheri Westmoreland - Dee Bar
4. Jim Ward - Gen’s Rockin Shadow

Open Lightweight Team
1. Terri Smith - Hot Saki
2. Roxann Lane - Phantom’s Masquerade
3. Lin Ward - Turner’s Wild Card
4. Syndi Scott - Isis Khepri

Open Junior Team
1st Alexis Combs - Lincoln

Competitive Pleasure Team
1. Betty Wolgram - Summer
2. Dianna Thearin - Winnie
3. Sharyl Walls - SAS’s Aussie
4. Brandy Ferganchick - Cedar Valley’s Torden Fjell
5. Linell Miller-Inman - Danner
6.(tie) Diane Chaffee - RR Skye Robin
6.(tie) Betty Garrett - Royal’s Rock’N EZ Cinnabar

Novice Heavyweight Team
1. Linda Johnson-Conne - Solid Country Gold Skye
2. Donna Lewis - Thunder
3. Dayna Morgan - Levi
4. Karen Wylie - Big Mac’s My My
5. John Horne - Tuff
6. Leona Arnett - Lite Foot Slow Poke

Novice Lightweight Team
1. Calleen Olson - Dakota Cole
2. Candice Lagasse - Authentic

Novice Junior Team
1. Tori Ware - Pur Ty Rain Danc

REMINDER.......VEST NUMBERS ON SALE FOR 2015 RIDE SEASON

Also, if you are interested in purchasing a vest number for the 2015 ride season, please contact me to see which numbers are available.
Open - $30.00
CP - $20.00
Novice - $10.00

For those who purchased a vest number in 2014, you may purchase that same number again. On March 1, all numbers will be on sale on a first come, first serve basis. All money from vest sales goes towards supporting Region 3 in the coming year.

Chuck Smith
chuck-smith@earthlink.net
National Ride Season Awards

OPEN HIGH AVERAGE HORSE & HORSEMANSHIP

OVERALL OPEN HIGH AVERAGE HORSE - Bev Tibbits Grand Champion
(8 rides required)
1st.  Awesomes Fire N Ice .................................. 99.044%

OVERALL OPEN HIGH AVERAGE HORSEMANSHIP - Polly Bridges Memorial
(8 rides required)
1st.  Ken Wolgram........................................ 99.685%

OVERALL OPEN HORSE - HEAVYWEIGHT
Bill Smith Memorial (Awarded to First Place Heavyweight Horse)
1st.  Awesomes Fire N Ice .................. Ken Wolgram .........................130

OVERALL OPEN HORSE - JUNIOR
2nd.  Lincoln ................................. Alexis Combs (R3) ...................... 18

OVERALL OPEN HORSEMANSHIP - HEAVYWEIGHT
Bruce Becker Memorial (Awarded to First Place Heavyweight Horseman)
1st.  Ken Wolgram (R3) ....................... 112

OVERALL OPEN HORSEMANSHIP - JUNIOR
2nd.  Alexis Combs (R3) ............. 18

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Awesomes Fire N Ice ................................. Ken Wolgram
Phantom’s Masquerade ............................... Roxann Lane
Gen's Rockin Shadow ................................. Jim Ward

Regional Appreciation Award: Chuck Smith and John Volkerding
Outgoing National Board of Directors: Sharon Roper- Dashner Region 3

Congratulations to the 100% Club members. These 3 folks were at every ride in 2014. Way to support the region, you three are magnificent!

Cheryl Jarrett
Lin Ward
Jim Ward
Ride Season Recognitions

Region 3 CP Champion Horse
No Horse Met The Qualifications for 2014.

Dr. Joe Quintana High Average Novice Horse Award
No novice horse met the qualifications of 75% (5) rides in 2014.

Pat Jubb High Average Novice Horsemanship Award
The 1st Time Winner of this award is Calleen Olson. Calleen rode two different horses Dakota Cole and Badger in 2014.

Novice Champion Horse
No Horse Met The Qualification for 2014.

Dear Region 3 Members,

The Sue Bretag Award is an annual award given to the NATRC Region 3 member voted on by the general membership as having made major contributions of time and energy to Region 3 during 2014.

Normally you would have had several names to choose from which were nominated by the Region 3 board in the September board meeting. This year we would like you to decide who you think the Region 3 member was who made major contributions of time and energy.

Please take a minute and reflect back on 2014 and then vote for the person you think is the most deserving of this award. Please email that name to Juleen Feazell, Region 3 Awards Chair at GJFEAZELL@TDS.NET

Deadline for your vote is January 31, 2015

All names received will be tallied, the NATRC member receiving the most votes wins. The winner will then be announced at the Region 3 convention in Taos, New Mexico, March 27 and 28, 2015.

Thanks, Juleen Feazell

Land of Enchantment Trophies
A special award is given each year to the highest scoring horse in each of the three divisions who competes in one or more rides of the San Juan Valley Trail Riders. The ride scores were added together for Navajo Lake and Chokecherry Canyon in 2014.

Open - Hot Saki - Terri Smith
Competitive Pleasure - Cadence - Nicole Tucker
Novice - Rocky Top II - Pam Koons

The winners of the remaining Special Awards, Ruth Tyree, Ken Burkdoll, CP High Average Horse and Rider, Novice First Year Horse, Bill Smith “Buddy” Award, Best Managed Ride and Sue Bretag will be announced at the Regional Convention. Please come to the convention in Taos, NM to find out who won these coveted awards, we like to keep those results a surprise!!!!

If you cannot attend the convention please designate someone to pick up your award as they are so expensive to mail.
Regional Board Meeting Minutes, September 19, 2014

Place: Chokecherry Trail Ride, Farmington, New Mexico

Call to Order: 2:12 p.m.

Board Members and Committee Chairs Present:
Sharon Roper, National Director, President; Kerry Bingham, District 3; Cheri Westmoreland, former Board member appointed as alternate for this meeting; Betty Wolgram, Chair and former Board member appointed as alternate and recording secretary for this meeting; Lin Ward, former Board member appointed as alternate for this meeting; Chuck Smith, treasurer and former Board member appointed as alternate for this meeting. Quorum as per Region 3 By-Laws.

Board Members absent: Bobbi Hansford, District 3; Jerry Sims, National Director; Diana Marquardt, Board member At Large; Janna Combs, Board member District 1; Diane Wingle, Board member District 2; Donna Lewis, Board member At Large; Kay Gunckel, Board member District 1, Juleen Feazell, Board member At Large; Sandy Clayton, District 2.

Guest: Jim Ward

TREASURER’S REPORT: Chuck Smith submitted. As of 9/1/2014, account balance after income of $6,669.16 and expenses of $6,119.07, checking account balance is $27,515.24. Region is doing well financially; balance about the same as where we were this time last year. Only missing ride fees from Willow Springs. Website has one more year until renewal. John Volkerding donated the postage for the few printed copies of the Stirrup we are still mailing. We need to encourage more vest sales in 2015. Unanimously approved.

Minutes of June 7, 2014, board meeting approved unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

   Banking: $34,000 in the bank; $160,000 operating expense; $88,000 in scholarship fund.
   Betty Wolgram reported Correction to CP Champion Horse proposal as per NBOD minutes; either one 1st and two 2nd places or two 1st places in any two states or regions. Other requirements: Horses must be 60 months of age, first 12 rides count, accumulate 75 points. CP Champion Horse, CP high average, and CP high point all moved forward to November NBOD meeting for vote.
   National Novice Awards – nothing carried forward to November; no changes will take place for 2015 ride season.
   CP split proposal not carried forward for November vote.
   Elimination of stable manager moved forward for November vote.
   Addition of CRI (cardiac recover index) moved forward for November vote.
   2015 Convention is in Kansas City, Plaza Downtown, Feb. 21-22.

   All rules interpreters are encouraged to make out a good report. Also documentation for any accidents, which includes riders bucked off, or any other issues.
   www.horseradio.com is covering NATRC.

2. National Raffle Update: Jim Ward. Ticket sales are very slow. Board suggested that in the future the National Board should consider sending tickets to more than just National Directors, developing more specific criteria for sale of raffle tickets. Hard to sell tickets at rides if the National Directors are not present.

3. Stirrup Editor Report: John Volkerding, as per Chuck Smith, the Stirrup needs more articles. Members and directors need to be encouraged to submit articles.

4. Ride Book/Ride Coordinator Report: Submitted by Diane Wingle. Board unanimously approved Diane’s request to print 500 copies of the ride book for the 2015 ride season. Diane feels that costs will remain about the same. Diane asked that all help sell ads. Ad rates are in the current ride book. Steve Bishop is looking for someone to co-manage the Air Force Academy ride next year. Kerry Bingham volunteered to serve as ride secretary. Sharon will contact Steve.


6. Historian Report: Chuck Smith. Chuck would like to see someone volunteer to help getting past history recorded digitally.

7. Supply/Safety Report: Linell Miller-Inman. Linell is resigning from this position. Janna Combs has volunteered to serve as supply/safety chair next year. CO Eastern Slope and CO Western Slope rides both have one set of judges’ notebooks. New Mexico has their own. P & R boxes-need one for each district area. New Mexico has their own. Current set of walkie talkies does not work well. Sharon will contact Bill Wingle to check into cost of new ones and report back to the Board.

8. Awards Report: Juleen Feazell. Annual awards cost may be higher for 2014 ride season due to adding new awards for Novice and having to locate a new engraver. John Horne will continue to sponsor the Novice 1st year Horse Award for three more years. He would like Dianna Thearin’s name added to the award. John had also mentioned that he would like for the award to include all first-year horses beginning in 2015. After discussion, a consensus was reached that the Board would prefer that it remain a Novice award since CP and Open riders tend to enter more rides than Novice riders and they would be more likely to win this award. Betty Wolgram will contact John for his decision. **Note: Betty contacted John immediately after the meeting and he decided to leave this award as a Novice 1st year Horse Award.
9. **Worker Points Report:** Beth Sims. As of date of report, Beth had not yet received worker information for Colorado Trail, Willow Springs, and Island in the Sky, and she will continue to try to contact the management to obtain worker information. Beth is trying to have all the information by December 1st as the Pewtarex Factory Outlet Store has a sale during the month of December. She is also going to reorder the 2013 award for Linell Miller-Inman as her name was misspelled. Beth announced that 2014 will be her last year taking care of the worker points and worker awards. She has all the information on a jump drive so it won’t be difficult for another volunteer to learn. Region 3 is asking for a volunteer to be the Worker Points Chair beginning in 2015.

10. **Nominating Committee Report:** Bobbi Hansford. No written report submitted but ballot for National Director will be submitted and votes tallied before the National Board meeting on November 8, 2014.

11. **Webmaster Report:** Chuck Smith. Website has one more year until renewal.

12. **Membership Report:** Betty Wolgram. Region 3 membership numbers as of 9/1/14 including new/rejoining and renewing estimated at 191. Approximtely nine family memberships and 26 individual memberships have not renewed for 2014. In July, Betty e-mailed the electronic 2014 Region 3 Membership Directory to all members who have an e-mail address.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Donations honoring deceased members – tabled.
2. Worker Points – to be handled with update of Standing Rules & Procedures later in the meeting.
3. **New Districts** - approved at March, 2014, board meeting and added to the Standing Rules & Procedures:
   - District 1 – All of Colorado east of the Continental Divide, plus Wyoming, Montana, Alberta, and Saskatchewan.
   - District 2 – All of Colorado west of the Continental Divide, plus Utah and New Mexico.
   - Eliminate District 3.

   Betty completed the consolidation of memberships into the newly formed two districts and reported that the new districts are pretty evenly distributed. At the present time, board member transitional dates are as follows:

   District 1
   - Kay Gunckel Exp. Dec. 2015

   District 2
   - Kerry Bingham Exp. Dec. 2015

   At Large
   - Janna Combs Exp. Dec. 2015
   - Diana Marquardt Exp. Dec. 2015

   There is no need for a 2014 Fall election but there could be a need for a future special election should any director be unable to fulfill his/her duties for the remainder of their terms.

4. **Standing Rules** – All awards will continue for the 2015 ride season. Betty presented recommendations for changes to worker points and the following were adopted unanimously:

   **General Regional Worker Points:**
   - Awards/Mileage Chair to include Bretag and other special awards 500
   - Worker Points Awards Chair 500
   - National Board/per year 500
   - National Convention Chair 500
   - National Convention Committee persons 150
   - National Convention Secretary 250
   - National Convention Worker/per day 50
   - Horse Expo Chair 200
   - Horse Expo Worker/per 2-hour shift 25
   - Regional Board Member/per meeting 100
   - Regional Board Officers:
     - President 300
     - Vice-President 100
     - Secretary 150
     - Treasurer 200
     - Regional Convention Chair 250
     - Regional Convention Secretary 250
     - Clinic Manager 200
     - Clinic Judge 150
     - Clinic Worker 50
   - Membership Chair 600
   - Member List Directory 200
   - Ride Book Editor 400
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5. Clinic Guidelines for our website - Need someone to develop and give to John for Stirrup and Chuck for the website. Betty Wolgram noted that clinic information is available on the National website and can be transferred to our website. Also safety rider guidelines are available on the National website and can be transferred to our website.

6. Benefit Rides - We need to define how much profit is to be given to the region for consistency. Sharon will discuss this issue with Ride Managers for their ideas and get back with the Board.

7. Novice Ribbon Ordering: Janna and Russ Combs are willing to continue.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Silent Auction: Diana Marquardt has resigned from this position. Linell Miller will need another co-chair.

2. Region 3 Convention: March 27-28, 2015, in Taos, NM. Co-Chairs, Jerry and Beth Sims; Secretary, Chuck Smith, Committee includes Kathy Brown.

3. Doing business via e-mail. Due to concerns about Roberts Rules of Order discouraging conducting business via e-mail, Bill Wingle presented a motion clarifying when e-mail discussion/votes could be handled. The board felt that some of the wording, especially wording throughout that pertained to a “topic of discussion,” was vague and that the motion should be re-worded. Betty agreed to work with Bill on this motion.

4. Nominations to be presented at NBOD meeting in November: Worker Hall of Fame Susan Peters; National Regional Recognition, Chuck Smith and John Volkerding.

Announcements: Next meeting will be held at the Region 3 Convention in Taos, NM, Friday, March 27, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

The Board meeting adjourned at 4:40.
Dear Region 3 Members,

Jerry Sims and I have just returned from the National Board of Directors meeting in Denver, and I would like to summarize for you some of the board decisions. The entire minutes of the meeting will be published in the next Hoof Prints, but this will give you a glimpse of what we discussed and the outcomes.

The board ratified Chuck Smith as our alternate for Region 3, and announced our newest director to be John Horne who will take his seat at the National Convention meeting of the National Board. Congratulations and a big welcome to John. As the alternate who filled in for Susan Peter’s vacancy, I will be going off the board in 2015. Jerry Sims will finish his term at the end of 2015.

The financials show a drop for this year primarily due to a decrease in funding thus far for the raffle. It was decided that the National Board will not put forth a raffle for 2015. Ride attendance over all the regions is also down from last year with the exception of Region 3! Way to go members. We have held steady with number of rides and number of riders. Of course, we would like to see this increase for 2015, and that certainly is our goal.

Friday evening was spent discussing “Consistency in Judging” - a topic near and dear to the heart of our National President, Kim Cowart. We are a timed, distance competition with much discussion centering around issues relating to the horse. Using the CRI (Cardiac Recovery Index), we create an opportunity to objectively assess the horse’s condition at the moment, identify and separate horses objectively, needs to be standardized like our P & R measurements are, and most of all is implemented to protect the horse. Our Judges Committee is working on written guidelines for minimums for vet judging. The most important considerations are:

- Is it safe for the horse and rider? Is it appropriate? Does it adversely effect the flow of the ride?

The rule changes were passed and a full description of the changes will be in the Hoof Prints.

Safety was a big topic with some discussion centering around how safety can be ignored while in camp. Also there needs to be a very complete, stocked first aid pack available that everyone knows where to find it. A supply list will be compiled and sent out to all regions. This became critically important when a rider was badly hurt and would have died had they not had access to a very complete pack.

It was suggested that rides put on clinics in conjunction with “B” rides. This gives the clinic participants the opportunity to experience an actual ride immediately following their learning experience at the clinic. This could greatly increase our membership if this a positive experience.

National will be increasing the Marketing Budget for 2015. We are looking at implementing a “Member Loyalty Program”, “Enhanced Member Services” such as discounts for US Rider Insurance, as well as doing some joint projects with AERC.

Education is always a key component of our sport. Did you know: a judge should not ask you to jump your horse, back your horse over large logs or drag something behind your horse?

Sarah Rinne has completed all her apprenticeship rides and her provisionals and was unanimously voted in as a Horsemanship Judge. Congratulations Sarah!

Region 3 currently and tentatively has the following rides slated for 2015:

- Navajo Lake
- Air Force Academy
- Colorado Trail
- Chicken Creek
- Lazy M Ranch near Tarryall
- Chokecherry
- Rabbit Valley
- Ft. Bayard

Let’s make this next ride season a fabulous year!

Sharon Roper
Region 3 President
Two of the most important words I have learned in my life are: “Thank you”

I want to take this opportunity to share with you about the NATRC National Board of Directors’ Meeting in Denver this past November 8th; which Dianna and I attended.

But before that I want to say:

Thank you.

I appreciate your recent election of me to the National Board. I appreciate your show of confidence in me and I intend to rise to your expectations during my term as your Region 3 Board representative.

The Meeting:

Did you know – the Board of Directors’ meeting is open to all NATRC members?

You can find the times and places for the meetings on the NATRC website and you are welcome to attend and observe.

The National Board meeting covers many topics and issues and is a full day of information – and hard work. Everything affecting NATRC seems to be covered from the Budget to Safety to Judges to Strategic Planning. Each of these things greatly effect each of us as members.

If you cannot attend the meeting; you should take the time to read the published minutes of the both the National, and Regional Board meetings in the subsequent issues of the Stirrup and the Hoofprint.

If you recall the short “bio” I submitted for the recent ballot; I summarized the main areas of concentration for my work as your Board representative into three areas: Money, Management, and Membership. During the meeting I made a few notes on these subjects.

Money:

NATRC is currently in reasonable financial shape overall. Many equestrian organizations are hurting due to the lagging economy and other factors. We are able to allocate resources for marketing and awards and scholarships. The Board is constantly looking for new ideas for marketing and anything you would like to offer would be greatly appreciated.

Management:

On the national level there is a great deal of effort put toward management. The process for qualifying and approving judges is rigorous and there is an ongoing effort to make constant improvements in the consistency and quality of our judges. The major distinction that separates us from all other equestrian activity is the involvement of Veterinarian and Horsemanship Judges. One of the things I was most impressed by after attending the meeting was the amount of time and effort the Judges Committee spends on qualifying new judges and reviewing the work of existing judges.

Membership:

This is everyone’s responsibility. The National and the Regional Boards are not only interested in ways to increase membership; but also how to increase the quality of existing membership. I am interested in hearing your ideas on both of these areas. Personally, I feel I have gotten back much more from NATRC than I have put in. I have learned volumes about myself and my horse, I am more motivated to improve my riding and become a better competitor; and more importantly I have made friends. As everyone does, I began in NATRC as a newcomer and a stranger; but that has quickly changed in many positive and wonderful ways. I see an important element of membership is to share my positive experience with you and new members; as well as participating in making improvements to our organization.

Please feel free to send your ideas, your views and any suggestions you have for improving our sport and our organization. I can be reached by email at:  JohnPHorne@gmail.com

Again: Thank you. NATRC is YOUR organization and I am looking forward to serving you on the National Board.
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Name(s)  

Mailing Address:  

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Please make your hotel reservation directly with the hotel by calling the number above and mention NATRC Region 3 Convention. $79.00 + Tax (Courtyard King Room), $99.00 + Tax (Courtyard 2 Bed Room), 99.00 + Tax (Historic Fireplace Room). Due to availability, Most of our room block is in Courtyard King Rooms. We do have 5 Historic Fireplace Rooms, and 5 Courtyard 2 Bed Rooms.

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**Total Due**  
Must be submitted with registration form  
(Deduct 10% from total if postmarked by January 31st,  
Deduct 5% from total if postmarked by February 28th).

**NON-MEMBERS** – add $5.00 to any option + $10.00 if registering at door.

Cancellation fee of $20.00 per person if cancelled after March 10, balance paid will be refunded.  
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Make check payable to “NATRC Region 3” and mail to: Chuck Smith, Convention Secretary, PO Box 687,  
Flora Vista, NM 87415  
**Important: PLEASE return your menu choices for each person attending to Chuck along with your completed registration form.**

Questions? Call Chuck, Secretary at (505)215-2625 or email: chuck-smith@earthlink.net  
Or Jerry & Beth Sims, Co-Chairs, Jerry – 505-215-9796, Beth – 505-330-6668  
beth.sims@q.com
Convention Luncheon – Please select one type of deli meat

Turkey_____ Roast Beef_____ Ham_____ Vegetarian____ (All comes with cheese & whole wheat bread)  
**On the side garnish:**
Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Mayonnaise, and Mustard.

**Served with:**
Potato Chips, Cookie, Apple, and includes choice of Water or Canned Soda.

Convention Awards Dinner – Please choose one plated dinner.
Roasted Pork Loin _____ Roast Pork Tenderloin topped with chef’s secret gravy sauce.  
Grilled Salmon _____ Grilled Salmon Filet topped with Sagebrush fresh dill sauce.
Chicken Florentine _____ Chicken breast stuffed with spinach and cheese topped with a cream sauce.  
All dinners include a green salad, seasonal vegetables, rice, rolls and butter. Choice of Coffee or hot or iced Tea.  
**Dessert:** Peach Cobbler

Thank you so much if you can let us know in advance if you can bring any of the following:

**HOSPITALITY ROOM GOODIES:**

Soda (What kind and amount) ________________  
Beer, Wine, Liquor (What kind and amount) ________________  
Chips and Dip ________________  
Hors d’oeuvres ________________  
Other: ________________  
Cash Donation $ ________________

**SILENT AUCTION GOODIES**

I will bring one or more items for the Silent Auction table: ________________  
List (If known):

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